the branches in Vikaspuri and Chandni Chowk as per the licenses, bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Under the Extant Branch Licensing Policy, the decision for opening a bank branch at a particular centre has been left to the discretion of the banks themselves subject to obtaining prior licence from Reserve Bank of India. The banks take action in the matter after assessing the established need for banking vis-a-vis the financial viability of the proposed branch.

(b) and (c) As per the information available with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), one nationalised bank has been issued authorization for opening of a branch at Vikaspuri, while a private sector bank has been issued authorization for Chandni Chowk and Vikaspuri. The banks are likely to open their branches on completion of infrastructural arrangements etc.

Diversion of funds reserved for development of backward classes

2078. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have diverted some reserve funds, (reserve for the development of backward classes) to elsewhere; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) There is no reserve fund for development of backward classes. Hence, the question of diversion does not arise.

Import of outdated second-hand Machinery

2079. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of outdated secondhand machinery has been imported in the country, particularly printing technology, textiles, steel and the like;